THE KREWE OF NEREIDS

presents

SIXTEENTH ANNUAL BAL MASQUE

SATURDAY EVENING
JANUARY 30, 1982

MISSISSIPPI COAST COLISEUM
BILOXI, MISSISSIPPI

THE ADVENTURES OF ALICE

PROLOGUE

"Many a day we rowed together on that quiet stream . . . and many a fairy tale had been extemporized . . . yet none of these many tales got written down . . . until there came a day when, as it chanced, one of my little listeners petitioned that the tale might be written out for her . . . I distinctly remember how, in a desperate attempt to strike out some new line of fairy-lore, I had sent my heroine straight down a rabbit-hole without the least idea what was to happen afterwards".

THE AUTHOR

The author of these special words was the REVEREND CHARLES LUTWIDGE DODGSON. He named his heroine after the little girl who had asked him to write the story down, ALICE LIDDELL. Three years later, he was to publish it under the pseudonym LEWIS CARROLL - again, we are sure, "without the least idea what was to happen happily ever afterward".

Tonight . . . NEREIDS . . . presents for your enjoyment . . . the whimsical book of "ALICE". These stories . . . by LEWIS CARROLL, are nonsensical. Yet in each book there is superb unreason, an inspired nonsense. More than that, it is a logical nonsense. Every allusion has a logical reference! Every pun has a point! Every parody has a critical sting! And so, THOSE WHO COME TO SEE AND HEAR OUR STORY, WITH ANY PRE-CONCEIVED IDEAS AND WITHOUT TOO MUCH PURPOSE . . . will find the "same enjoyment" in the unexpected turns of the stories and the uncanned twists in the speech, as the author had in making them. For in that wildness and wittiness, that unfolding imagination which is the mind of a genius, is transformed into MAGIC. Now sit back and listen to THE MOST ENCHANTING LITERARY FAIRY TALE ever composed . . as . . . THE KREWE OF NEREIDS . . . invites you to ENJOY . . . with them . . .

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OUR TABLEAU UNFOLDS . . . as our "WONDERLAND FANTASY OVERTURE" is heard before . . .

a. The CAPTAIN'S whistle officially opens our Sixteenth Annual Bal Masque . . . as . . . we welcome . . .

b. The ROYAL COURT OF 1981, recalling the colorful spectacle of . . . FIESTA! FIESTA!

c. Behold the spotting of the CREST OF NEREIDS, as a prelude to our "ADVENTURE-LAND" frolic . . .

d. Then our KREWE OFFICERS appear . . . extending an official . . . WELCOME TO THE BALL . . .

e. In a setting of the NEREIDS EMBLEM . . . we behold . . . the CAPTAIN OF NEREIDS . . . symbolic of the . . . "MAGIC" of our WONDERLAND . . .

f. Revelry comes to life as our . . . "STORY TELLER" begins . . .

g. . . . the FABLE . . . of our heroine in her ADVENTURES . . . and we see . . .

. . . ALICE in the RABBIT-HOLE!
. . . ALICE at the SEASHORE!
. . . ALICE in the RABBIT'S HOUSE!
. . . ALICE in TULGARY WOOD!

h. The QUEEN OF HEARTS appears in her colorful procession . . . before . . .

i. We enter the . . . "GARDEN OF LIVE FLOWERS" where the MAIDS OF THE 1982 ROYAL COURT . . . will appear, portraying . . . colorful characters of fairyland fantasy . .

. . . the delightful dancing . . . "DAFFODIL"
. . . the reeling rollicking . . . "ROCKING HORSE FLY"
. . . the willowly wide-eyed . . . "WATER-LILY"
. . . the temptingly tantalizing . . . "TIGER-LILY"
. . . the delectable debonair . . . "DAISY"
. . . the breezy budding . . . "BREAD AND BUTTER-FLY"

j. Hail QUEEN DORIS XVI, personifying the QUEEN OF OUR WONDERLAND . . .

k. Her ROYAL MAJESTY now calls for . . .

l. The OFFICERS OF THE KREWE to escort the DUKES OF NEREIDS to their lovely MAIDS . . . so that, together, the COURT may await the regal arrival of . . .

m. KING NEREUS XVI . . . who bids that his subjects ENJOY with him this colorful . . . "FANTASY REALM" . . . after which . . .

n. HONORED GUESTS are received at the REGAL THRONE . . . and then . . .

o. The ROYAL COURT parades in the PAGEANTRY OF WONDERLAND . . . before . . .

p. The FROLIC at the "MAD HATTER'S TEA PARTY" . . . all of this . . . as a prelude . . .

q. To the CAVORTING OF THE KREWE in their HAPPINESS FINALE . . . as . . .

r. The OFFICERS take a bow and give a SALUTE TO THE AUDIENCE, and before . . .

s. The gracious and charming . . . CAPTAIN OF THE KREWE . . . bids the audience a nostalgic . . . "FAREWELL" . . . till next year . . . and signals for . . .

t. The CALL OUT DANCES to begin . . . after which . . . GENERAL DANCING will end the happy excitement of NEREIDS' . . . delightful trip with . . . ALICE . . . in her ADVENTURES IN WONDERLAND!

THE

ROYAL COURT

OF 1982

King Nereus XVI

Dukes to His Majesty

CAPT. MAX BERNS, USN (Ret.)
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MR. EDMOND F. FAHEY, III
MR. ROBERT E. JOHNSON
DR. THOMAS B. MURPHREE, JR.
MR. MARK A. URAM

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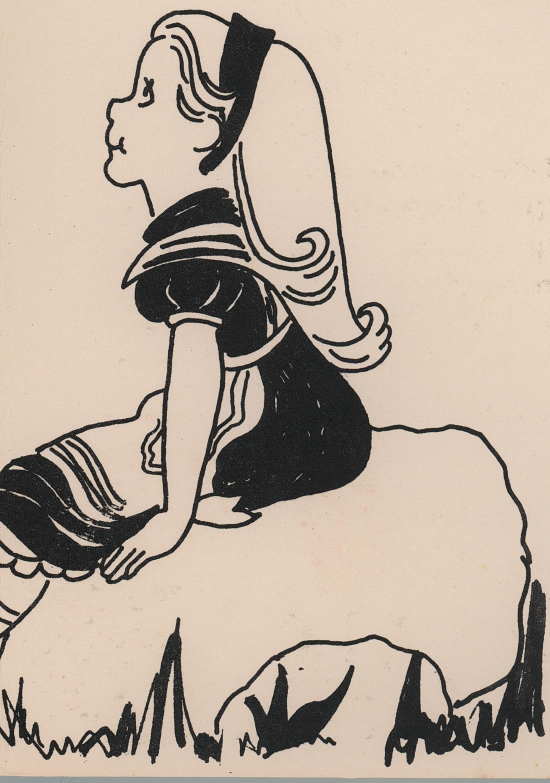
MISS LEIGH CHRISTINE CHAPMAN
MISS ELIZABETH ANN GEX
MASTER WESLEY A. CROSBY
MASTER R. MATTHEW RICHMOND



Recollections

1967
Cavalcade of American Dance
King Nereus I - Cornelius K. Herlihy

1968
Era of Laughter
King Nereus II - Merlin R. Markel

1969
Carnival in Rio
King Nereus III - Henry Develle, Jr.*

1970
Spirit of America
King Nereus IV - W. Ray Gordon*

1971
Opening Nights
King Nereus V - James DeBlanc

1972
Three Ring Circus
King Nereus VI - Haskell L. Doyle

1973
Echoes of Famous Streets
King Nereus VII - John Gallagher

1974
The Enchanted Toy Shop
King Nereus VIII - T. Dixon Ashman

1975
The Jazz Age
King Nereus IX - David L. Johnson

1976
Hawaii, The 50th State
King Nereus X - Lucien M. Gex, Jr.

1977
State Fair
King Nereus XI - Vincent Schott

1978
Ooh La La, Paree!
King Nereus XII - Clifford P. Vogt

1979
Classic Greece
King Nereus XIII - Luke Caruso

1980
Space Fantasy
King Nereus XIV - Robert W. Wyatt, Jr.

1981
Fiesta! Fiesta!
King Nereus XV - Donald W. Diboll

* Deceased

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